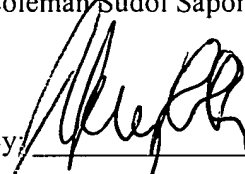


REMARKS

The second of two claims numbered 3 is canceled. Claim 23 is new, a renumbered claim 3 which has been canceled. Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Claims 3, 7, 8, 13, 19, 20, 22 and 23 are multiple dependent claims. The total number of claims is 31. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to reduce the number of multiple dependent claims, including improper multiple dependent claims, and thus reduce the filing fee. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

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